

at least one renal aperture defined by the graft material for aligning with a respective one of the two renal arteries; and

a stent system attached to the graft material;

wherein the graft material is adapted to expand from a contracted state wherein the at least one renal aperture is contracted and an expanded state wherein the at least one renal aperture is expanded and the graft material presses against a wall of the aorta;

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wherein the at least one renal aperture defines an opening larger than an orifice of the respective renal artery so as not to obstruct the respective renal artery when the graft material is in the expanded state.

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44. (Amended) The [stent-]graft of claim [43]39, wherein the stent system further defines at least one aperture aligned with the at least one renal aperture defined by the graft material.

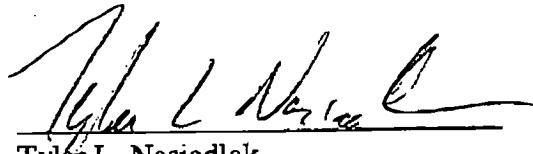
Remarks

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 7-10, 21, 22, 30-33, 37, 38 and 45-49 and indicating that claims 43 and 44 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has rewritten claim 39 to include the limitations of claim 43 and has canceled claims 41-43. Thus, the claims are now in condition for allowance.

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